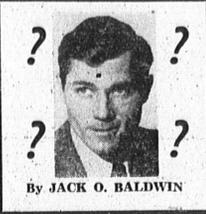


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Rivers Can Change Courses

AN EDITORIAL

Freeway routes, like river beds, can and do change courses overnight.

While it is a costly and a major engineering feat to prevent rivers from changing courses it is a relatively simple matter to keep a freeway on its course.

The question arises, "Who is watchdogging the long overdue Harbor Freeway to make certain it doesn't change course during the night?" All that it would require is a little political pressure here and there and the proposed multi-million dollar high speed highway could be made to by-pass Torrance, leaving us with the present undersized and narrow arterials.

The proposed Harbor Freeway is designed to connect the busy part of San Pedro with the City of Los Angeles. Present plans call for the super highway to parallel Figueroa Street. Engineers claim motorists will be able to make the trip from the harbor to Los Angeles in 27 minutes. Obviously, Torrance stands to reap many advantages with the freeway so close to its boundaries.

Steel, oil, aircraft parts, and gun barrels move out of Torrance every day. They move to the Harbor for shipment. They move to Los Angeles for processing and refinements.

The future military importance of the Harbor Freeway should not be overlooked. The new highway can and will be a great asset to the City of Torrance.

But . . . It will be of less value to us if present plans are altered and the path of the Freeway is re-

routed and moved further from the city than is now proposed.

Secondly, planning and construction should receive nothing less than top priority.

So far as is known, Torrance has no organization to watchdog the development of the Harbor Freeway to make certain that (1) the route is not changed or (2) that there are no delays in the construction of the super speedway.

The question of who is watchdogging the development was raised this week by Lawrence Harvey, executive vice-president of Harvey Machine Co.

Mr. Harvey's question is a good one. It deserves an answer. But at the moment the only answer is that there is no organized group whose prime purpose it is to follow the development of the Harbor Freeway.

We feel that the Chamber of Commerce, or the City Council and the City Manager should accept the responsibility of creating a commission, committee, or a board whose charge it shall be to "keep an eye" on the Harbor Freeway.

Mr. Harvey has volunteered to serve on such a committee. But he is only one man. He will certainly need help and local support.

The Harbor Freeway is bound to have a great influence on the industrial and residential development of Torrance. Action at this time to save the Freeway for Torrance and to push its early completion is highly desirable.

We will watch with great interest what the Chamber of Commerce and the City does to lock the barn before the horse is stolen.

Class Elections Top Activities On ECC Campus

Election fever was at a high level at El Camino College this week as Associated Student Body balloting held the spotlight of events.

Glenn Boyce and Gordon Weisenburger were named on the ballot as sophomore class president candidates in the big run-off race of the election. Winner is to be revealed sometime today.

Don Mitchell was named student body vice-president in last week's elections, and will assist Student Body President Bob Morgenson, who won his job last spring.

Others in the run-off elections are John Burkhardt, Gary Frantz and Dave Price, freshman president; Al Apodaca, Carol Cravelle and Kathy Greivy, frosh vice-president; Carol Lenski and Ann Shoquist, freshman treasurer.

Elected earlier in the semester were Liz Quaine, freshman secretary; Marion Hixon, sophomore vice-president, and Mary Jo Mott, sophomore treasurer.

Mitchell defeated sophomore George Montgomery.



TRAILS CROSS . . . Two candidates for office in this area found their trails crossing Sunday morning as the Las Vegas, Hollywood Riviera women's group, held a benefit pancake breakfast at the Jim Dandy Market on Highway 101 near Seaside. Serving up flapjacks (left) is Judge Otto B. Willett, candidate for Office No. 2 of the new South Bay Municipal Court. On the receiving end is Attorney Bob Finch, GOP candidate for the 17th Congressional seat of Congressman Cecil R. King. Overseeing the operation is Bob Pinkney, who spent most of the morning serving up flapjacks to the record crowd.

In Torrance it appears that women do as their men folk tell them to do—at least when it comes to voting.

We picked up the phone this week and called 20 women—all picked at random from the telephone book.

Out of the 20 we called, 14 said they voted the same way their husbands last election. Five said they weren't sure whether they and their husbands voted the same ticket because they hadn't discussed how each had voted.

BUT . . . Only one woman said she voted different from her husband. One of the women who did not know how her husband voted explained her lack of knowledge of her hubby's balloting this way:

"We consider the way we vote as something private. Just like mail. We don't read each other's mail and we don't ask how each other votes."

The poll seemed to indicate that women are a talkative clan. Seventeen women stated that they had discussed politics recently with their spouses. Two said "No" they had not discussed politics with their husbands and one woman said, "Oh, heavens, no!" She did not elaborate.

As for an interest in politics, nine women claimed a "High" interest in political affairs while an equal number said their interest was better classified as "Medium." Only two rated themselves as having a "Low" interest in politics.

One woman we called let her husband do the answering for her. He rated his wife's interest in politics as "High."

In answer to the question, "Did your wife vote the same way as you did the last time you both voted?" he stated:

"Well, naturally."

All women were asked, "Are you registered?"

To this 16 replied that they were, one said she wasn't certain, and three said "No."

One woman we called couldn't answer the questions because the television was too loud and she couldn't hear.

Two others had to turn off their television and one had to wipe the soap off her hands.

The answers would seem to indicate that when papa goes to the polls mama goes along.

At the June Primaries only six out of 20 husbands failed to make a trip to the polls—according to the answers given by the wives. Almost matching that record were the women balloters who claimed all but seven went to the polls to exercise their rights granted in Amendment No. 19.

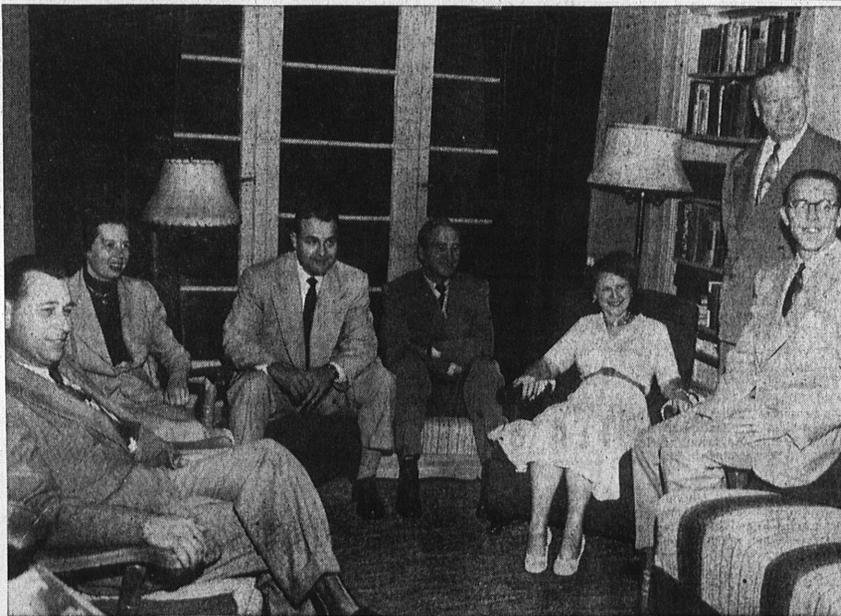
One woman could give no answer to the question, "Did you and your husband vote the same at the last election?" She will be voting for the first time in November.

What does all this prove? Well, actually I suppose, very little except that of 20 Torrance women called to the phone they answered the following questions like this:

- Are you registered? 17 3
- Did you vote at the June Primaries? 13 7
- Did your husband vote at the June Primaries? 14 6
- Have you discussed politics with your husband recently? 17 3
- How do you rate your interest in politics? HIGH—9 MED.—9 LOW—2
- Did you vote the same way your husband voted the last time you both voted? 14* 1

*Five uncertain.

After completing this poll I discussed it with my wife. She had this comment to make: "You say that 14 out of 20 women voted the way their husbands voted. How do you know but that out of those 14 couples the husbands didn't vote the way their wives did?" I don't!



OFFICIALS MEET . . . Members of the city's new Recreation Commission are shown as they met Saturday evening at the home of Mayor Mervin M. Schwab. Left to right are Clair Olsen, Mrs. W. C. Boswell Jr., Marvin Goettsch,

Darwin Parrish, Mrs. Phyrne Laughon, Recreation Superintendent Frank Carpenter, and Burt Johnson. The seventh members of the commission, A. J. Patronsky, was not available for the photo.



DEMOLAY INSTALLS . . . Shown with DeMolay Dad Gilbert Roxy (lower right) are officers of the Torrance Chapter of DeMolay following their recent installation. Master Counselor is Bernard Berkowitz, fourth from

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Refinery Man To Speak at Safety Meeting

B. C. McCoy, 2032 W. 97th St., will speak before the 40th National Safety Congress in Chicago on Tuesday, Oct. 21.

McCoy, general maintenance superintendent of the General Petroleum Corporation's Torrance refinery, will tell the Congress' petroleum section how safe working conditions are planned during major refinery maintenance projects.

About 3000 safety men and industrial specialists from all over the nation are expected to attend the Congress which will be held in the Conrad Hilton Hotel.

One-Day Chest Drive Planned for Nov. 1

Torrance's one-day Community Chest residential campaign—a booming success last year—will be given a repeat performance this year. Residential Chairman Mrs. Edward L. Schwartz announced yesterday.

The campaign will be staged here on Nov. 10 Mrs. Schwartz said.

Last year Torrance pioneered the one-day plan, and became the first city in the Los Angeles Chest area to go over the top of its residential quota.

Quota Reached In 1951 the quota for the residential appeal was reached less than ten hours after volunteers began making their rounds of all houses in Torrance.

"This year, we feel we can do an even better job," Mrs. Schwartz said.

Again this year the Torrance Harbor Area Chairman Sam LeYwca will be converted into the residential campaign headquarters.

Tartar Teen Talk

By SALLY HICKMAN

Congratulations to the fresh-a party at Sally Hickman's man class—they won the ASB house Saturday night were Yo Goldsmith, Walt McHenry, Gene Davis, Gary Hakanson, Pam Dicky, Norma Mead, Sandy card contest. The class really Sanders, GeGo Johnson, Sue Madesires it for winning this year's Warren Stamps, John Sousa, Daryl Mead, Don Kasten, Betty Davis, Jan Desmond, Babs Whitley, Joan Leech, Dick Piaz-

The class elections are over with the new officers taking seats on the council and making plans individually for each class. Sounds like an exciting semester.

Judy Nash had an after-game party Friday to celebrate the Torrance win over Leuzinger. Those helping Judy celebrate were Monty Darling, Ann Bales, Shirley Degal, Jim Murphy, Mary Sue Easley, Jim Haefly, Tom Smith, Cynthia Easley, Walt McHenry, Yo Goldsmith, Gary Hakanson, Pat Fenton, Clyde Denham, Billy Dwyer, DeDe Schumert, Judy Reid, Dan Mayers, Joanne Whitten, Joan Courdway, Arlene Smart, Sally Hickman, Jerry Farrar, Jerry Neely, Sandy Sanders, Art Sues, Alex Belhumor, Wallie Pinkard, Sonny Steel, Billy Meacham, Sue having parties galore. Attending Mayers and Jim Donnette.

"Fore" is the battle cry of Tartar golfers as they swoop down the girls gym field over imaginary traps and water hazards. Flags stuck up in the sunken garden to add that finishing touch to the course.

The class hold sits breath as the teacher, Mrs. Betty Schaefer, puts. This is a common scene since the girls have taken up golf in the gym classes.

Now for a little of the social side. The junior class has been having parties galore. Attending Mayers and Jim Donnette.